SUBJECT No. 198.

Lending money by Government on State Insurance Policy to the insured.

Mr. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Petty Government officials whose lives are insured by the State find it hard to obtain money for expenses connected with marriages, etc. The Government may beneficially introduce the system of lending money between $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the amount at certain decent interest as is done by other Insurance Companies.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done. The insurance is intended to provide for the officer and his family after the former's retirement, or for the maintenance and support of the latter in the case of the former's untimely death. It is not intended to be used otherwise while the officer remains in service.

EXCISE.

(Nos. 199—202.)

SUBJECT No. 199.

Tree-tax and tree-rent to be paid to land holders.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Pavagada Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For drawing toddy from trees grown in an Inam village, the Inamdar is paid the tree-tax, while for the toddy drawn from trees grown on Government lands in holding, the Khatedar is paid only four annas as tree-rent, though the Khatedar has as much right to trees as the Inamdar. It is therefore requested that the Khatedar may be treated like the Inamdar.

Reply of Government.—The two cases are different. Tree-tax is paid to the Inamdar only if the latter is entitled to toddy revenue, otherwise he gets only tree-rent like any occupant of Government land whose trees are tapped; and the amount of tree-rent is left to the occupant's will, the rate of four annas applying only to Government trees.

SUBJECT No. 200.

Toddy and arrack sales once in three or five years.

Mr. Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Toddy and arrack sales should be held once in three or five years. The present system is disadvantageous both to the contractors and the Government. Many respectable contractors have been rendered paupers during the past five or six years by the present system.

Reply of Government.—There is something to be said in favour of the proposal, which will be referred to the Excise Commissioner for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 201.

Free grant of bagani trees on occupied lands.

Messrs. Kigga Channakesava Rao, and Venkatasubbaiya of Koppa.

Summary of discussion.—A. The privilege of drawing toddy from bagani trees standing on occupied lands may be granted free to the occupants thereof for their *bona fide* purposes.

B. It is requested that Malnad gowdas and coffee planters may be permitted to use bagani toddy free of any charge.

Reply of Government.—This is an old subject, which has been repeatedly brought up for discussion. Government are prepared to show some concession to occupants

in the Malnad; and that is, that without auction they will permit holders of estates to open a shop for the use of the employees therein. If there are a number of small estates in the same village, the owners may join and take a shop jointly. The license will be given on favourable terms as to fee, and the owners will pay tree-tax on the bagani trees tapped on their estates and forego tree-rent thereon.

SUBJECT No. 202.

Toddy trees in Inam village.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A portion of the tree-tax levied on toddy trees (at Rs. 1-1-0 on each tree) in Inam villages may justly be ordered to be given to the Inamdars.

Reply of Government.—This depends on whether the Inamdar is entitled to the Excise revenue from toddy. No general order can be passed.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL BOARDS.

(Nos. 203—243.)

SUBJECT No. 203.

Appointment of Amildars as Members of District Boards.

Messrs. Yale Basappa, Hiriyur Taluk, Patel Linge Gowda, Mysore Taluk, Nanje Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk and Srikanta Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Final orders may be passed on the proposal that Amildars should be appointed as members of the District Boards, which was noted for consideration last year in Subject No. 189.

Reply of Government.—The question of appointing Amildars as Members of District Boards was, after careful consideration, decided in the negative last year. The sense of the Assembly as represented by the Taluk Board Members present is also that the present system requires no change. But the question of allowing the Amildars to be present at the meetings will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 204.

Selection of Hospital Assistants not residents of taluk head-quarters as Members of Taluk Boards.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggadevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that where there are more than one Hospital Assistant in a taluk, those that do not reside in the taluk head-quarters may also be elected as members of the Taluk Board either in addition to or in place of existing members.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary, as under the rules only five *ex-officio* members are allowed on Taluk Boards, and the Hospital Assistant at the taluk head-quarters is one of them.

SUBJECT No. 205.

Investiture of Taluk Board Members with certain powers.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggadevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Taluk Board Members may be empowered—

(1) to enquire into and dispose of applications for the grant of licenses to build houses according to Village Sanitation Rules,

(2) to supervise sanitation and pounds and remark in the Patel's Visitors' Book,

(3) and to find contractors for works sanctioned (which sanction should be duly communicated to them) and to insist on their presence when final measurements are taken, and when payments are made to parties, and